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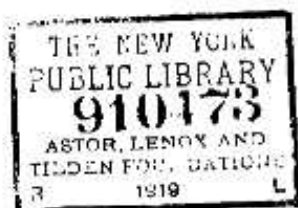
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*With love and appreciation this book
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My Parents

*and the American Hearts, who have
encouraged and inspired me in my work
for the United States and Allies,*

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INTRODUCTION

I have the honor of being president of the Peace and Arbitration League of which President Wilson and ex-President Taft are honorary presidents, and who thoroughly believe in the principles of our league. While I preach peace with honor, such circumstances as war should find us fully prepared for the unexpected, particularly at the vulnerable points along our coast.

There was recently established at Cleveland, Ohio, a World Court Congress of which I was prime mover, for the purpose of advocating and spreading far and wide the grand idea of a Supreme Court of the World. I am glad to say that in the programme for world peace, it was expressly stated that the principles of arbitration were still to be conserved as a preventive of war, and that appeal to the world court was to be taken only after every other means of settlement of disputes between nations should have been tried. That is to say, when arbitration is in vogue, it shows a reasonable attitude of mind, a desire to thrash out

and compose differences of opinion. It is an expression in advance, of a wish to effect a peaceful settlement. Let us continue to urge all nations to adopt arbitration treaties with each other and ourselves, thus preparing the world for the establishment of a World's Supreme Court.

As all progressive nations would be represented in the proposed world court, it will probably form a body of jurists as large as the Senate of the United States. Of course our work is now only preparatory. The American citizens should not relax their efforts and should use their influence to secure a lasting peace if possible. The dreadful carnage and the woeful destruction of property in this terrible war would make it obvious to the warring nations that some other method than war, to settle their differences, would have been better. As peace advocates, we have right and reason on our side. We aim to preserve and construct, while war in the last analysis means nothing but destruction and chaos. We are progressing because we desire to conserve civilization and true culture, and extend their blessed influence over the entire world. The business men of all nations deplore the bloody conflict in Europe, for it will probably set the wheels of progress back a quarter of a century at least; in great part undoing the work of

business men, scientists, inventors and all enlightened and progress loving people.

But there is a better day to come, the fact that a supreme tribunal of the nations is now proposed and will be, I believe formulated at the coming Third Hague Conference, is in itself a bright augury for better things in the not distant future. Governments can then avoid war, which at present the final arbiter of disputes arising between them. We look forward to a bright and happy time when calm and just decisions shall be rendered by an authoritative world tribunal and all disputants shall separate in peace with honor.

The establishment of a world court would be, also, an epochal event, as showing the wonderful changes in human relations that have taken place during the Nineteenth and Twentieth centuries. It would be a sublime achievement, the most brilliant act of statemanship of many years; and the men who shall bring this plan to completion on behalf of their respective nations will rank very high in history as constructive statesmen.

The millions of soldiers engaged in this terrible conflict are, for the most part, recruited from the ranks of the workers, the men who labor in the field and mine and factory; who do the rough work of the world, who are the bone and sinew of every nation. It is they who